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ANNUAL REPORTS

OF THE

SELECTMEN AND TREASURER

OF THE

TOWN OF DEERFIELD,

TOGETHER WITH THE REPORT OF THE

SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE,

FOR THE YEAR ENDING

MARCH 1, 1885.

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## SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

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Cash transactions of the Selectmen for the year ending  
March 1, 1885 :—  
1884.

Selectmen of Deerfield.

DR.

Received of Collector J. T. Brown,		
tax abated but after-		
wards paid to him .	\$3 25	
J. C. Whidden, balance		
on town hall, 1883 .	13 50	
County of Rockingham		
support of paupers .	366 22	
State of New Hamp-		
shire, insurance tax .	37 50	
State of New Hamp-		
shire, railroad tax .	491 39	
State of New Hamp-		
shire savings-bank tax	1,405 97	
State of New Hamp-		
shire literary fund .	167 44	
J. F. Prescott as under-		
taker . . . . .	8 50	
Amounting to the sum of .	\$2,493 77	

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No. 1. Paid town treasurer cash	
received of J. F. Brown	\$3 25
2. Paid town treasurer cash re-	
ceived of J. C. Whidden	13 50
3. Paid town treasurer cash re-	
ceived of County of Rock-	
ingham . . . . .	366 22
4. Paid town treasurer cash re-	
ceived of State of New	
Hampshire . . . . .	2,102 30

No. 5.	Paid town treasurer cash received of J. F. Prescott	\$8 50
Amount		<u>\$2,493 77</u>

## BREAKING ROADS.

1884.

No. 1.	Paid Nathaniel Robinson, highway surveyor .	\$20 25
2.	C. H. Merrill, highway surveyor .	26 95
3.	Alvah L. James highway surveyor .	17 00
4.	J. H. Babb, highway surveyor .	2 37
5.	A. B. Chase, highway surveyor .	15 13
6.	D. M. Stevens, highway surveyor .	2 97
7.	S. G. Haines, highway surveyor .	9 12
8.	J. H. Veasey, highway surveyor .	12 82
9.	Wm. Marden, highway surveyor .	11 62
10.	D. S. Furnald, highway surveyor .	13 63
11.	J. C. Dearborn, highway surveyor .	32 47
12.	Hilliard Smith, highway surveyor .	14 74
13.	M. W. Childs, highway surveyor .	9 27
14.	J. C. Cram, highway surveyor .	15 23
15.	A. F. Tilton, highway surveyor .	14 33
16.	H. B. Langley, highway surveyor .	4 12
17.	J. S. Smith, highway surveyor .	15 12
18.	D. S. Batchelder highway surveyor	16 08



No. 19.	Paid D. B. Smith, high- way surveyor . . .	\$16 50
20.	Joseph Jones, cutting ice . . .	60
21.	M. B. Harvey, sur- veyor . . .	6 42
22.	D. B. Ladd, surveyor	8 80
23.	John E. Davis, labor	3 30
24.	A. S. Whittier, sur- veyor . . .	6 00
25.	John J. Palmer, sur- veyor . . .	10 37
26.	H. B. Stearns, sur- veyor . . .	14 00
27.	J. F. Davis, highway surveyor . . .	19 17
28.	J. W. Silver, high- way surveyor . . .	10 08
29.	Wm. P. Ladd, high- way surveyor . . .	12 66
30.	B. S. Brown, high- way surveyor . . .	13 80
31.	Daniel Jones, high- way surveyor . . .	5 98
32.	H. C. Silver, highway surveyor . . .	8 12
33.	B. F. Brown, high- way surveyor . . .	10 36
34.	R. B. Currier, high- way surveyor . . .	3 00
35.	L. Hoitt, Allenstown road . . .	1 25

1885. Jan. 1.

36.	W. H. Spangler, highway surveyor	11 43
37.	Wm. H. H. Land	4 06
38.	John B. Legro . . .	3 48
39.	L. S. Marden . . .	2 42
40.	D. B. Smith . . .	3 62
41.	H. W. Stevens . . .	50
42.	Stephen B. Merrill	1 29
43.	Jos. T. Veasey . . .	1 42

No. 44.	Paid Jeremy Rollins . .	\$17 04	
45.	J. N. Meloon . .	25 40	
46.	C. L. James . .	11 62	
47.	J. V. Dearborn . .	4 62	
48.	A. S. Whittier . .	2 31	
49.	A. M. Chase . .	6 00	
50.	S. B. Merrill . .	37	
		<hr/>	\$499 21

1884.

Amount appropriated for schools :

Amount required by law . .	\$1,022	
Amount raised in addition . .	478	
Interest on Jenness fund . .	300	
Literary fund . . . .	145 86	
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		\$1,945 86

Accounted for as follows :—

District.	Prudential Committee.		
No. 1.	Paid David B. Ladd . .	\$95 03	
2.	John F. Davis . .	148 90	
3.	Thos. E. Simpson . .	167 20	
4.	Rev. H. O. Walker . .	172 00	
5.	Rebecca J. Marden . .	36 10	
6.	Albert F. Tilton . .	135 24	
7.	Henry O. Brown . .	189 68	
8.	Oscar J. Chase . .	137 58	
9.	George U. McNeal . .	70 72	
10.	C. H. Thompson . .	85 14	
11.	Gilman Stearns . .	126 80	
12.	A. K. Woodman . .	81 97	
13.	C. H. Merrill . .	72 40	
14.	John Currier . .	26 00	
15.	L. D. Robinson . .	35 00	
16. Mt.	John N. Meloon . .	16 10	
17.	High School, fall		
	term, 1884 . .	165 00	
18.	high school circulars	5 75	
Amount retained for High School,			
spring term, 1885 . . . .		179 25	
		<hr/>	\$1,945 86



## MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES.

1884.

No. 1.	Paid Higgins Brothers, one dozen chair backs and expense . . .	\$2 50	
2.	E. E. Clark, for hearse harness . . .	82 55	
3.	W. H. Spangler, Jr., stage scenery, etc. .	60 00	
4.	A. S. Pulsifer, labor, and stock for school desks . . .	16 24	
5.	J. F. Prescott, servi- ces as undertaker 19 funerals . . .	28 50	
		<hr/>	\$189 79

## PHILBRICK-JAMES LIBRARY.

No. 1.	Paid Rev. H. O. Walker, services as librarian	\$50 00	
2.	Higgins Bros., lamps	5 65	
		<hr/>	\$55 65

## TAXES.

Paid state tax . . . . .	\$1,164 00
county tax . . . . .	809 50
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	\$1,973 50
No. 1. Paid school-house tax, Dist. No. 8 . . . . .	\$35 00

## CURRENT AND CONTINGENT EXPENSES.

1884.

No. 1.	Paid Alvah B. Chase, servi- ces as selectman in 1883 . . . . .	\$30 25
2.	Alvah B. Chase, use of team and cash paid	7 00
3.	J. H. Batchelder, servi- ces selectman, 1883 .	47 75
4.	J. C. Dearborn, extra selectman . . . . .	4 00

No. 5.	Paid Mrs. E. M. Whidden, board of selectmen	\$13 75
6.	Mrs. E. M. Whidden, board of carpenters	6 75
7.	I. H. Morrison, services moderator, March, 1883-84 . . . .	6 00
8.	G. H. Towle, services school committee and cash paid, 1883 . .	65 30
9.	J. J. Dearborn, auditor March, 1883 . . . .	2 00
10.	J. J. Dearborn, auditor, 1884 . . . . .	3 00
11.	J. M. Freese, auditor, 1884 . . . . .	3 00
12.	J. C. Cram, auditor, '84	3 00
13.	J. C. Rand, board of selectmen, 1883 . .	2 00
14.	G. H. Stevens, services as treasurer, 1883 .	30 00
15.	G. H. Stevens, extra services as treasurer 1883 . . . . .	8 20
16.	G. H. Stevens, board of auditors, 1883 . .	1 75
17.	Temple & Farrington, order books, 1883 . .	1 95
18.	G. H. Towle, return births and deaths, '83	19 75
19.	Geo. B. Hoitt, services as clerk, 1883 . . .	23 87
20.	Geo. B. Hoitt, record- ing births and deaths	1 75
21.	J. C. Dearborn, services as selectman . . . .	19 75
22.	J. J. Dearborn, insur- ance on town house	75 00
23.	J. B. Sanborn, books for town . . . . .	5 00
24.	Daniels & Co., sup. for hearse . . . . .	7 00



No. 25.	Paid G. H. Simpson, sup. for selectmen . . . . .	\$1 43
26.	Wm. F. Chase, bounty on woodchucks . . . . .	17 10
27.	J. B. Sanborn, warrant for election . . . . .	25
28.	H. L. Fifield, services as supervisor, three elections . . . . .	18 00
29.	D. S. Furnald, tax-bills . . . . .	1 75
30.	D. S. Furnald, services as collector of taxes 1884 . . . . .	30 00
31.	J. H. Batchelder, cash paid bounty on wood- chucks . . . . .	26 30
32.	G. P. Rand, blackboards for school . . . . .	6 75
33.	G. H. Simpson, lamps, etc., for hall . . . . .	18 55
34.	H. O. Brown, tables for hall . . . . .	5 94
35.	Wm. F. Chase, use of team, and cash paid . . . . .	14 75
36.	Wm. F. Chase, bounty on woodchucks . . . . .	1 80
37.	Temple & Farrington, order-book . . . . .	87
38.	H. B. Stearns, services as collector for 1884 . . . . .	30 00
39.	B. S. Brown, supervisor March and Novem- ber, 1884 . . . . .	12 00
40.	W. A. Churchill super- visor, Mar. '83 and March and Nov. '84 . . . . .	18 00
41.	G. H. Towle, M. D., re- turns of births and deaths . . . . .	10 50
42.	Alvah B. Chase, bounty on woodchucks . . . . .	32 10
43.	W. H. Bailey, repairing stoves . . . . .	7 73

No. 44.	Paid Alden B. Chase, iron rod and labor . . .	2 00
45.	I. H. Morrison, services as moderator Nov. '84 . . .	2 00
46.	A. M. Chase, services as treasurer, 1884 . . .	30 00
47.	Geo. B. Hoitt, services as clerk, and cash paid 1884 . . .	51 10
48.	J. H. Batchelder, services as selectman, '84 . . .	41 75
49.	J. H. Batchelder, extra services and cash paid 1884 . . .	14 68
50.	J. H. Batchelder, use of team, 1884 . . .	10 75
51.	Alvah B. Chase, use of team, 1884 . . .	7 50
52.	Alvah B. Chase, services as selectman, 1884 . . .	32 00
53.	Wm. F. Chase, services as selectman, 1884 . . .	32 50
54.	Mrs. E. M. Whidden, board selectmen, 1884 . . .	12 25
55.	Geo. Page, board carpenters, selectmen, auditors, and supervisors, 1884 . . .	39 15
56.	M. W. Childs, labor on town-house . . .	1 50
57.	J. M. Ballou, lag screws for town-house . . .	1 12
58.	Wm. F. Chase, getting stoves repaired . . .	2 00
59.	W. D. Adams, services school committee, '84 . . .	60 00
60.	A. H. Rand, Jan. town hall balance . . .	45 30
Whole amount . . .		<hr/> \$1,011 64



## EXPENSE OF BUILDING THE FIRE-ESCAPE.

No. 1.	Paid Gilbert Robinson, lumber and labor . . .	\$36 38	
2.	M. L. Sherbert, labor.	12 00	
3.	John Dame, labor, mason . . .	18 00	
4.	Wm. F. Chase, cash paid clapboards and brick	19 50	
5.	Concord R. R. freight on lumber . . .	4 69	
6.	Jeremy Rollins, labor	21 75	
7.	Wm. F. Chase, labor, cash paid use of team	47 30	
8.	J. L. Rowe, painting .	13 00	
9.	J. C. Cram, labor .	12 75	
10.	G. P. Rand, labor .	9 05	
11.	M. B. Harvey, labor on stone, and cash paid	34 28	
12.	L. D. Robinson, labor	5 25	
13.	A. H. Rand, labor and lumber . . .	41 38	
14.	Jeremy Rollins, labor	3 00	
15.	J. C. Rand, labor .	\$1 50	
16.	C. C. Tucker, drawing lumber . . .	3 00	
17.	Head & Dowst, labor, lumber and other material . . .	230 82	
18.	H. O. Brown, labor, lumber . . .	52 00	
19.	M. W. Childs, labor .	20 00	
20.	Wm. F. Chase, labor and cash paid . . .	3 40	
21.	W. H. Silver, labor .	3 75	
22.	J. W. Silver, labor .	36 00	
23.	J. M. Ballou, material	44 82	
24.	I. H. Morrison, drawing lumber . . .	1 50	
25.	I. H. Morrison, shingles	2 00	
26.	A. S. Pulsifer, zinc, etc.	2 50	
Whole amount . . .			\$679 62

## ABATEMENTS.

No.	1. Paid Eugene E. Smith, poll tax 1881 . . . . .	\$0 94
2.	Alden B. Chase, school-house tax in part 1883 . . . . .	1 28
3.	W. T. Prescott, tax in part, 1879 . . . . .	2 31
4.	J. N. Meloan, interest . . . . .	19
5.	A. F. Tilton, horse lost in 1883 . . . . .	87
6.	J. P. Legro, error in school-house tax, 1883 . . . . .	32
7.	M. L. Sherbert, error in school-house tax, 1883 . . . . .	62
8.	Chas. Denyou, error in school-house tax, 1883 . . . . .	64
9.	Tennant & Fowler, error in valuation, 1883 . . . . .	11 25
10.	L. D. Ladd, water-trough, 1883 . . . . .	3 00
11.	Byron Ambrose, cow lost, 1884 . . . . .	35
12.	J. J. Robinson, water-trough, 1884 . . . . .	1 50
13.	Sally Chase, error in school-house tax, 1884 . . . . .	24
14.	J. W. James, highway tax, 1884 . . . . .	90
15.	C. H. James, horse lost, 1884. . . . .	20
16.	J. S. Cotton, water-trough, 1884 . . . . .	3 00
17.	Collector H. B. Stearns interest on tax abated . . . . .	82
18.	Lloyd W. Chase, poll, 1882 . . . . .	1 05
19.	Collector Stearns' list of 1882: —	
	Chas. Brooks, poll . . . . .	1 05
	J. M. Curtis, poll, estate . . . . .	1 15
	C. A. Quimby, poll . . . . .	1 05



	Frank H. Rollins, poll	\$1 05	
No. 20.	Paid Collector Stearns' list of 1884: —		
	Jas. L. Barnard, poll	1 00	
	F. P. Ladd, poll	1 00	
	Frank H. Rollins, poll	1 00	
	Fred M. White, poll	1 00	
21.	Collector Stearns' list of 1883:		
	Geo. H. Batchelder, poll	1 25	
	John M. Curtis, poll and estate	1 37	
	David Durgin, poll	1 34	
	Frank H. Rollins, poll	1 25	
	Fred M. White, poll	1 25	
22.	Collector D. S. Furl- nald, interest on tax abated	65	
23.	John H. Healey, high- way tax of 1882	28	
24.	Roby D. Whittier, dog lost in April, 1884	1 00	
25.	J. H. Healey, poll tax 1883	1 25	
	Eddie Roberts, poll tax, 1883	1 25	
	John T. Bean, poll tax, 1883	1 25	
	John T. Bean, highway tax, 1883	28	
	Chas. H. Arnold, high- way tax, 1883	28	
	Geo. F. Drew, poll tax, 1884	1 00	
	John H. Healey, poll tax, 1884	1 00	
26.	John H. Swett, water- trough, 1884	2 00	
27.	C. H. Thompson, poll tax, 1884	1 00	
	Whole amount	————	\$55 48

## SUPPORT OF PAUPERS.

No. 1.	Paid J. D. Cate, aid for John Dalton's family . . .	\$3 00
2.	G. H. Towle, M. D., attending Mrs. Jos. Hartford . . .	12 75
3.	C. C. Tucker, board J. E. York, 26 weeks . .	39 00
4.	Alvah B. Chase, wood for M. Fife . . .	6 00
5.	Samuel Barnard, board Robt. Dickey 8 weeks . .	8 00
6.	Samuel Barnard, board Robert Dickey . . .	10 00
7.	A. B. Chase, wood for M. Fife . . .	8 00
8.	Samuel Barnard, board R. Dickey . . .	8 00
9.	B. J. Sanborn, goods for George Jordan, 33 weeks . . .	33 00
10.	B. J. Sanborn, goods for Jos. Hartford, 32 weeks . . .	48 00
11.	G. H. Towle, M. D., attending S. A. Smith's family . . .	5 00
12.	G. H. Towle, M. D., attending J. E. York . . .	4 00
13.	G. H. Towle, M. D., attending Mrs. Eugene Smith . . .	7 00
14.	G. H. Simpson, goods for Mrs. Eugene Smith . . .	2 66
15.	L. E. Grant, M. D., attending J. Brad. Hartford . . .	5 00
16.	L. E. Grant, M. D., attending J. Brad. Hartford . . .	3 00



No. 17.	Paid Mrs. C. C. Tucker, board and care J. E. York in sickness . . .	\$45 50
18.	Samuel Barnard, board R. Dickey . . .	8 00
19.	C. E. White, boots for D. E. Hartford . . .	3 50
20.	Samuel Barnard, board R. Dickey . . .	6 00
21.	Samuel Barnard, board R. Dickey . . .	6 00
22.	E. A. Hazleton, board and care Mrs. E. Wiggin . . .	30 00
23.	G. H. Simpson, goods for John Healey . . .	1 81
24.	J. F. Prescott, coffin for Mrs. H. Goodhue . . .	7 00
	Whole amount . . .	<hr/> \$310 22

## HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES.

1884.

No. 1.	Paid J. N. Meloon, labor on mountain road, 1883 . . .	\$7 27
2.	M. H. O. Noyes, labor on mountain road . . .	63
3.	S. B. Merrill, labor and railing Thurston bridge . . .	5 60
4.	J. H. Whittier, labor . . .	2 75
5.	Jos. Young, labor . . .	1 47
6.	A. J. Ladd, bridge plank . . .	2 88
7.	W. V. B. Tilton, bridge plank . . .	2 70
8.	Daniel Jones, bridge plank, stringers, and labor . . .	25 00
9.	John Harvey, labor on ledge . . .	2 62
10.	J. S. Smith, labor . . .	3 75
11.	Gilbert Robinson, bridge plank . . .	18 00

No. 12.	Paid Jeremy Rollins, labor .	\$9 66	
13.	P. H. Sanborn, labor .	14 87	
14.	D. B. Ladd, labor .	1 75	
15.	William P. Huckins, • labor, railing irons .	6 96	
16.	J. C. Cram, labor, rail- ing irons .	1 60	
17.	Jeremy Rollins, labor railing bridge (Hil- ton's Corner) .	3 50	
18.	J. M. Freese, labor re- building new bridge, and plank .	25 16	
19.	L. D. Robinson, labor .	4 38	
20.	Jos. Jones, labor, wa- tercourse at Center .	6 00	
21.	J. C. Rand, labor, wa- tercourse at Center .	2 25	
22.	J. B. Legro, labor, wa- tercourse at James City .	5 87	
23.	E. M. Ekvall, labor, cutting bushes .	2 50	
24.	William F. Chase, la- bor, bridge .	4 00	
25.	Lucian Heath, labor, non-resident high- way tax, 1884 .	1 40	
26.	Eunice W. Ayer, la- bor, — non-resident highway tax .	73	
27.	Jos. Lawrence, labor, non-resident tax .	1 68	
28.	J. W. Noyes, labor .	1 37	
29.	S. A. Robinson, labor, railing bridge .	13 87	
30.	L. S. Marden, labor .	6 00	
31.	J. H. Batchelder, la- bor, and cash paid .	8 60	
32.	Alvah B. Chase, labor	12 25	
33.	Byron Ambrose .	10 00	
	Whole amount . . .	<hr/>	\$217 07

## DAMAGE DONE BY DOGS.

1884.

Paid John Currier, one sheep and one lamb killed . . . . .	\$10 50	
William Marden, six sheep injured . . . . .	8 00	
D. S. Batchelder, two sheep killed . . . . .	6 00	
L. S. Marden, two sheep killed . . . . .	4 00	
J. G. James, one sheep killed . . . . .	3 00	
M. H. O. Noyes, one sheep killed . . . . .	2 50	
C. L. James . . . . .	5 00	
James W. Young . . . . .	4 00	
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		\$43 00

## RECAPITULATION.

Paid for breaking roads . . . . .	\$499 21	
for support of schools . . . . .	1,766 61	
for school-house tax . . . . .	35 00	
for state and county tax . . . . .	1,973 50	
for Philbrick-James library . . . . .	55 65	
for current and contingent expenses . . . . .	1,011 64	
for fire-escape . . . . .	679 62	
for abatements . . . . .	55 48	
for support of paupers . . . . .	310 22	
for highways and bridges . . . . .	217 07	
for miscellaneous expenses . . . . .	189 79	
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		\$6,793 79

The financial standing of the town of Deerfield, March 1, 1885, is as follows :—

## LIABILITIES.

On bonds payable May 1, 1885 . . . . .	\$2,200 00	
On bonds payable May 1, 1887 . . . . .	2,400 00	
On coupons due but not paid . . . . .	36 00	
Total liability . . . . .		<hr/>
		\$4,636 00



## ASSETS.

Cash in treasury March 1, 1885 . . . . .	\$2,840 36	
Due from Collector Furnald, tax of		
1882 . . . . .	7 59	
Collector Furnald, tax of		
1883 . . . . .	10 90	
Collector Stearns, tax of		
1883 . . . . .	39 77	
Collector Stearns, tax of		
1884 . . . . .	479 05	
Collector Furnald, tax of		
1884 . . . . .	453 04	
Total assets . . . . .	<hr/>	\$3,830 71
Debt of town Mar. 1, 1885 . . . . .		\$805 29
Reduction of debt since March 1,		
1884 . . . . .		\$857 92
<i>To the Auditors of accounts for the Town of Deerfield,</i>		
<i>N. H.:—</i>		

We, the undersigned, submit the foregoing report of our transactions and of the financial standing of the town for the year ending March 1, 1885.

March 3, 1885.

J. H. BATCHELDER,  
ALVAH B. CHASE,  
WILLIAM F. CHASE,  
*Selectmen of Deerfield.*

The auditors of the town of Deerfield for the year ending March 1, 1885, have examined the foregoing report and find it well vouched and correctly cast.

Deerfield, March 3, 1885.

J. J. DEARBORN,  
JOHN M. FREESE,  
J. C. CRAM,  
*Auditors.*

## TREASURER'S REPORT.

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Report of Arthur M. Chase, treasurer of the town of  
Deerfield, for the year ending March 1, 1885.

### RECEIPTS.

Cash in treasury March 1, 1884 .	\$2,021 77
From Collector J. T. Brown in full for list of 1878 . . . .	1 96
Collector J. H. Batchelder tax abated on list of J. T. Brown for 1878 and after- wards paid . . . . .	3 25
Collector A. T. Yeaton in full for list of 1879 . . . .	2 31
Collector H. B. Stearns as interest on list of 1881 . . . .	5 65
Collector H. B. Stearns in full for list of 1882 . . . .	55 70
Collector H. B. Stearns, as interest on list of 1882 . . . .	7 50
Collector D. S. Furnald, on list of 1882 . . . . .	48 00
Collector D. S. Furnald, as interest on list of 1882 . . . .	8 00
Collector D. S. Furnald, on list of 1883 . . . . .	384 65
Collector D. S. Furnald, as interest on list of 1883 . . . .	10 32
Collector H. B. Stearns, on list of 1883 . . . . .	474 14
Collector H. B. Stearns, as interest on list of 1883 . . . .	17 94
Collector H. B. Stearns, on list of 1884 . . . . .	1,918 67
Collector H. B. Stearns, as interest on list of 1884 . . . .	92
Collector D. S. Furnald, on list of 1884 . . . . .	2,553 00
Collector D. S. Furnald, as interest on list of 1884 . . . .	6 06

From selectmen for use of town-	
house, 1883 . . . .	\$13 50
county of Rockingham, for	
support of paupers . . .	366 22
state treasurer, insurance tax . .	37 50
state treasurer, literary fund . .	167 44
state treasurer, railroad tax . .	491 39
state treasurer, savings-bank	
tax . . . . .	1,405 97
selectmen, for use of hearse	
out of town . . . . .	8 50
Interest on deposit to Oct. 1, 1884 .	32 85
	<hr/> \$10,043 21

## DISBURSEMENTS.

Paid H. B. Stearns for town bond	
No. 3, due May 1, 1885 . .	\$100 00
state tax for year 1884 . . .	1,164 00
county tax for year 1884 . . .	809 50
current and contingent ex-	
penses, 1884 . . . . .	1,021 03
abatements, 1884 . . . . .	55 71
support of paupers, 1884 . . .	308 22
highways and bridges, 1884 . .	704 36
damage done by dogs, 1883 . .	14 00
support of schools, 1884 . . .	1,760 86
repairs of school-houses . . .	35 00
for building fire-escape . . .	679 62
as interest on town bonds . . .	333 00
as extraordinary expenses . . .	217 55
Balance in treasury March 1, 1885 .	2,840 36
	<hr/> \$10,043 21

ARTHUR M. CHASE,  
*Town Treasurer.*

The undersigned, auditors for the year ending March 1, 1885, have examined the books of the Treasurer, and find the same correctly cast and properly vouched.

Deerfield, March 3, 1885.

J. J. DEARBORN,  
JOHN M. FREESE,  
J. C. CRAM,  
*Auditors.*



# REPORT

## OF THE

### SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

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*Fellow-Citizens : —*

In presenting our report as required by law, it affords us pleasure to say, that, with very few exceptions, our schools have made good progress during the year. For nearly all our schools experienced teachers have been employed, good discipline has been maintained, and the result has been the studious interest that was always observable during our visits. While much remains to be done to make our schools what they ought to be, we may justly congratulate ourselves that we have made a fair use of the means at our command. In the hard school of experience every pupil finds, like all who have gone before, that "there is no royal road to learning." Other things being equal, the progress made will largely depend upon personal diligence and the ability of the teacher to clearly and intelligently impart the necessary information.

Teachers and pupils alike require every available aid, including the best text-books. We recognized the eminent need of some United States history for the use of the small scholars especially, and gave Goodrich's *Child's History* a careful examination, with an aim to secure for our schools a history that would convey its information in language so simple as to be readily understood by the young scholars. This work seemed to meet the want, and was officially introduced and adopted. The results attending its use have *exceeded, by far*, our expectations. More attention should be given to the study of physiology. "Know thyself" is an injunction too little heeded by us all. It is important that every pupil should acquire a good, common-

sense knowledge of the structure of the human body, how it is nourished by food, something of the process of digestion, nutrition, absorption, circulation, the necessity of regular habits, the effects of bad air, poisoning of the blood, the treatment of sudden and dangerous wounds, and of the effects of stimulants and narcotics upon the brain and nervous system. In this immediate connection it is proper to call attention to the law passed by the last legislature of this state, which adds to the qualifications of a teacher, a knowledge of the effects of alcohol upon the human system, and also requires the introduction of suitable text-books upon the same subject. It seems that nothing can be of greater importance to our children than a wholesome knowledge of the subtle poison that breeds disease, shortens life, destroys both mind and body, and brings untold misery and degradation to millions of homes. The plastic mind of youth is easily influenced, and lessons of temperance and abstinence may be as readily learned and retained as the lessons of moral or religious obligations. When the ignorance of cause is attended by such fearful consequences of effect, the "ounce of prevention" is worth many pounds of cure. While all honor should be given to those who would lessen the evils of intemperance by law or by personal appeals to the unhappy victims of an unfortunate appetite, we must believe that a judicious primary course of instruction upon the nature and effects of stimulants would, in the end, have a greater influence. Such instruction would impress upon the minds of our children lessons they would never forget, and might be the means of saving many from physical wreck and ruin. Surely all good citizens ought to unite in strengthening a reform that thus places its advance guard in the school-room. We would advocate for the education of our young a liberal appropriation for the support of schools, the employment of competent teachers, the use of the best text-books, the maintenance of good discipline, and whatever, in addition, will best conduce to the greatest good of the greatest number.

Again we would recommend that prudential committees should endeavor to secure the most competent teachers for our schools, and, having secured them, retain their



services for as many terms as possible. A teacher requires a long time to learn the different dispositions and mental capacities of pupils; but such a knowledge is absolutely essential to insure success. Having once acquired this necessary knowledge, it is a costly experiment and little short of folly to throw it all away by the constant change of teachers.

A good degree of interest (which we hope is daily increasing) in our schools is manifested by the parents and citizens, who generally assemble at every examination and school entertainment. This is a most encouraging feature, and one that is alike creditable to parents and helpful to teachers. If something could be done to lessen the irregularity of attendance of scholars, teachers could work to far greater advantage.

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### DISTRICT No. 1.

First term was taught by Miss Clara J. Johnson (now Mrs. William Brett). A misunderstanding as to the time prevented a visit at the close of the term. The school appeared to be flourishing under a rapidly increasing interest, at an early visit, was well reported by citizens of the district, and the condition of the school at the beginning of the fall term gave evidence that Miss Johnson's energetic efforts were productive of solid benefits to the pupils in their various branches of study and general improvement.

Second term was under the management of Mr. Jerrie C. Fogg, who was compelled to labor under a serious disadvantage during nearly the whole term. The trouble that sprang up in the district was the means of shattering the interest that was noticeable at the commencement of the term. The teacher worked with renewed perseverance and energy, but could not succeed in wholly restoring the interest in so short a term, and it is not to Mr. Fogg's discredit that his zealous efforts were not attended by as desirable results as doubtless would have been attained had there been no disturbance in the school.

## DISTRICT No. 2.

Summer term was given to the care of Miss Mary A. Thompson. The teacher began her work under a slight disadvantage, the district being disappointed in securing the services of a lady whose merits as a successful teacher had been proved in the district. She knew nothing of the dispositions or mental capacities of the school. Miss Thompson's scholarship is not to be questioned, but had she pursued a more energetic course there seems to be no reason why the scholars would not have made more rapid progress.

The fall term flourished under the charge of Miss Olive E. Freese, who, knowing the needs of the school, soon succeeded in arousing a deep interest, and having previously won the love and esteem of the school, found it an easy matter to instruct her scholars, who in return were unanimous in trying to please and obey their teacher. The school made rapid and steady advancement. Special attention was given to writing spelling lessons, a very important feature of the school. The reading, writing, and arithmetic classes are worthy of special praise.

## DISTRICT No. 3.

This district was very fortunate in obtaining the services of Miss Mary L. Philbrick, whose reputation as a successful teacher is well known. Very desirable results were attained in all the branches of study pursued. The classes in arithmetic, geography, and reading were well trained and merit special commendation.

## DISTRICT No. 4.

The summer term of this large and somewhat difficult school was assigned to the precept of Miss Olive E. Freese, a teacher of much experience and thorough scholarly attainments. With these advantages, and the tact to use them, her management from the commencement to the close was gratifying to all. The result was highly satisfactory and fraught with credit for fruitful labors. Special attention was given to outline map-drawing.

The fall term was taught by Miss Etta M. Churchill, who began her duties under the disadvantages of suc-

ceeding one of our most popular as well as successful teachers, and knowing nothing of the dispositions of but few of the scholars. She labored earnestly and faithfully for the advancement of those under her instruction, but dissatisfaction was manifested by some of the people in the district, and it was obvious that more vigorous energy and firmness in discipline should have been exercised in order to teach a large school successfully.

The winter term was taught by Mr. Wm. L. Whittier, who, knowing the requirements of the school, went about the task of restoring order, and giving instructions in a pleasant, dignified manner, that gained for himself the esteem and well wishes of both pupils and parents, one of the greatest essentials to successful teaching. He proceeded through the term with a scrupulous and fixed purpose for the profitable advancement of the school, and a good degree of his purpose was realized. His labors being earnest and untiring, the scholars were the recipients of much profit accruing from his teaching.

#### DISTRICT No. 5.

Two terms, taught by Miss Mary E. Smith, a teacher without previous experience. This little school was always busy, always quiet, orderly, prompt in recitations, and those who attended school regularly made fair progress. The teacher gave perfect satisfaction to the district.

#### DISTRICT No. 6.

First term was taught by Miss Ella M. Prescott, a lady of thorough educational qualifications, of considerable experience, and was judged to be well adapted to the position she occupied. Her instructions were correct and thorough. The school appeared well, and, to the observations of your committee, was well managed.

The second term, which was taught by Miss Adelle Frink of Newington, closed somewhat suddenly, on account of sickness of the teacher, and we did not have the privilege of visiting it at the close. The school appeared well at an early visit.



## DISTRICT No. 7.

Miss Hannah M. Harvey of Nottingham was the instructor in this district during the whole school year, and, having had quite a wide experience, showed an aptness from the first in imparting knowledge, a conscientiousness in the discharge of the duties of the school-room, and a faculty of winning the love and esteem of her pupils, which promised a success of which the final exercises gave full assurance.

## DISTRICT No. 8.

Two terms, under the care of Miss Georgia E. Stevens, whose successful experience as a teacher in the past was here repeated. The school was orderly, scholars were prompt in their recitations, and satisfactory results were attained in all the branches of study pursued.

## DISTRICT No. 9.

Few teachers better fitted by nature and education could have been procured than the one who had charge here during the school year. The school, of mostly small scholars, was taught by Miss Mabel C. McNeal, who displayed successfully many interesting methods of instruction, and a talent for teaching, which a larger school would, doubtless, inspire to a wider execution, and thereby exercise the talents of the scholars more fully. Her work was productive of good progress. To the credit of the teacher she gave two weeks' schooling to the district after the school-money was kept out.

## DISTRICT No. 10.

First term was taught by Miss Agnes M. White of Gilmanston, who, without previous experience, showed a good degree of talent and ability, worked earnestly, and accomplished her task successfully, thus gaining a very high degree of commendation from the committee.

Again the district was fortunate in securing the services of Miss Blanche S. Bartlett of Nottingham for the fall term, who evinced an aptness for the duties of the school-room which other beginners, who have had no special

training for their work, acquire only by experience; and it is evident that Miss Bartlett possesses rudiments, which, wielded by experience, will make her a proficient and skillful teacher.

#### DISTRICT No. 11.

The pupils and parents of this district were favored with the services of Miss Nettie M. Chase during the school year. Everything was done with care, exactness, and thoroughness, and the scholars did not fail to profit by the instruction received. The average attendance was good; instruction and discipline as they should be. The school was a success. That it was made profitable to the district was well proved at the examination, and the testimony of those who were present authorizes a high commendation.

#### DISTRICT No. 12.

Miss Carrie A. Woodman taught both terms. The school, though small, is noticeable for its good order, the attention to and interest in their studies manifested by the scholars. The patient and untiring exertions of the teacher have been rewarded by the respect, cheerful obedience, and steady advancement of the scholars.

#### DISTRICT No. 13.

Miss Cora A. Young was employed for the first term. We were favorably impressed by the appearance of the school at an early visit, but the progress made, for reasons best known to the teacher and people in the district, was not so good as many desired.

The fall term was taught by Miss Annie B. Pettigrue of Allenstown. This was her first experience in teaching. Good order reigned. The teacher discharged her duties in a creditable manner, winning the respect of her pupils, who, by the manner in which they recited at the close of the term, gave evidence of fair progress.

#### DISTRICT No. 15.

This school, consisting of small scholars, a number of whom came from other districts, was taught by Miss

Nettie M. Chase. The scholars became deeply interested, and were ever absorbed in study while in the school-room. Miss Chase's methods (N. H. State Normal) were somewhat new to the scholars, but were such as meet the approbation of the committee, since they attract and hold the attention of all in a class, and not only teach each to think, but to tell their thoughts in their own words.

The amount of money appropriated for school purposes, including the "Jenness" and "Literary" funds, was \$1,945.86, which was apportioned to the several districts as seen in the table of statistics. The amount apportioned to the fractional district (No. 14), united with Candia, was \$26; to the fractional district (Mountain), united with Nottingham, \$16.10, and for the support of the High School, \$350.

The number of children in the town between the ages of 5 and 15 years, as given by the selectmen, March, 1884, was 255. This shows a decrease of 44 from the number enrolled last year.

Respectfully submitted,

WALTER D. ADAMS,

*Superintending School Committee.*



## STATISTICAL TABLE.

No. of district.	TEACHERS.	No. terms.	School money.	No. weeks.	Wages per month.	No. pupils.	Average attendance.	Visits of superintendent.	Visits of others.	Over 16 years.	Under 16 years.	Reading.	Arithmetic.	Geography.	Grammar.	U. S. History.	Writing.	Spelling.
1	{ Clara Johnson....	1	\$95 03	8	\$28 00	18	14	1 14	1 17	18	14	11	3	..	14	18		
	{ Jerrie Fogg.....	1	.....	5	28 00	15	12	2 5	..	15	15	12	8	..	10	15		
	{ Mary Thompson...	1	148 90	10	26 00	21	16	2 15	..	21	21	14	4	..	4	21		
2	{ Olive Freese.....	1	.....	10.6	30 00	26	21	2 28	3 23	26	21	2	3	3	19	26		
	{ Mary Philbrick...	3	167 20	26	24 00	23	17	6 33	..	23	23	10	8	6	3	14	19	
3	{ Olive Freese.....	1	172 00	9	32 00	28	26	2 37	1 27	28	26	19	9	17	20	28		
	{ Etta Churchill...	1	.....	4	20 00	24	22	2 25	..	24	24	22	15	6	15	15	24	
4	{ William Whittier..	1	.....	7.6	36 00	33	28	2 37	5 28	32	30	14	10	7	10	33		
	{ Mary Smith.....	2	36 10	10	14 00	9	5	4 7	..	9	9	4	2	2	3	9		
5	{ Ella Prescott.....	1	135 24	8.6	24 00	23	21	2 12	..	23	23	14	9	..	8	13	21	
	{ Adelle Frink.....	1	.....	8.6	28 00	22	20	1 9	..	22	22	14	8	6	6	12	22	
6	{ Hannah Harvey...	2	189 68	21	34 00	48	37.5	4 18	2 46	48	34	14	20	15	37	48		
7	{ Georgie Stevens...	2	137 58	19	28 50	26	16	4 32	2 30	32	18	8	5	1	18	24		
8	{ Mabel McNeal.....	2	70 72	18	16 00	12	8	4 41	3 9	12	11	5	2	..	11	12		
9	{ Agnes White.....	1	85 14	8	22 00	5	4	2 6	..	5	5	4	1	2	..	5	5	
10	{ Blanche Bartlett..	1	.....	9.8	24 00	6	5	2 5	1 5	5	5	2	4	1	5	5		
	{ Nettie Chase.....	2	126 80	19.6	30 00	12	11	4 29	..	12	12	9	5	4	8	9	11	
11	{ Carrie Woodman...	2	81 97	13	20 50	8	6	3	..	8	8	7	4	1	2	7	7	
12	{ Cora Young.....	1	72 40	6	20 00	17	13	2 8	..	17	17	11	6	..	..	..	..	
13	{ Annie Pettigrue...	1	.....	8	20 00	19	12	2 16	..	19	19	11	6	..	..	13	19	
15	{ Nettie Chase.....	1	35 00	6.4	20 00	10	8	2 12	..	10	10	8	3	..	..	5	10	







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